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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YASUHIRO OSAME : EXAMINER: TOLAN, EDWARD T  
SERIAL NO: 10/554,112 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 21, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3725  
FOR: TUBULAR METAL BODY, :  
METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME,  
LINER FOR PRESSURE VESSEL AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Official Action dated October 11, 2007, Applicant elects Group (Invention) I, Claims 1-9 drawn to a method of forming a tube through a porthole die.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 be conducted.

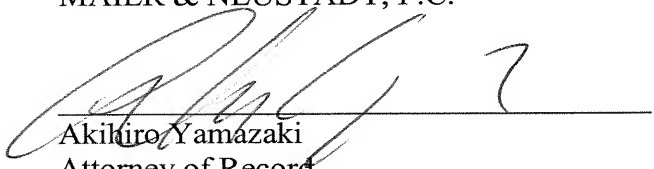
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